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In a cozy burrow at the edge of the woods, a young rabbit named Remy woke to a wonderful surprise. A shiny brass telescope with a red strap leaned against the door. Remy's eyes grew wide. "For me?" Remy whispered, and quickly put on a small blue scarf with white polka dots. The telescope felt smooth and cool in Remy's tiny paws.



Remy dashed outside, long ears standing tall. The morning sky was bright and blue, but Remy pointed the telescope up anyway. "Where are the stars?" Remy wondered. "Why do they hide?" The little cream rabbit had so many questions. Remy decided to find someone who could help. "I need a teacher," Remy said, and hopped down the path.



At the old oak tree, an owl with golden eyes and a purple shawl sat reading. Remy hopped closer. "Excuse me, wise owl," said Remy. "I have a new telescope, and I have questions." The owl looked up and smiled. "I love questions," said the owl. "Sit with me, little rabbit. Let's look at the sky together."



Remy asked, "Why do stars twinkle?" The owl adjusted her gold-rimmed spectacles. "Starlight wobbles as it travels through our air," she said. "That makes it shimmer and dance." Remy imagined dancing stars and giggled. "And why is the moon sometimes round and sometimes a thin slice?" The owl picked up her wooden pointer stick.



The owl drew a circle in the dirt. "The moon is a ball of rock," she said. "Sunlight lights up the part we see. As the moon moves, the bright part changes shape." Remy nodded slowly. "So the moon doesn't really change?" "Exactly," said the owl. "It just looks different from where we stand." Remy felt proud for understanding.



Next, Remy asked, "What are the stars made of?" The owl's golden eyes sparkled. "Stars are huge balls of glowing gas, far, far away," she said. "Our sun is a star, too!" Remy gasped. "The sun is a star?" "Yes," said the owl. "It just looks bigger because it's close." Remy looked up at the daytime sky with new wonder.



The owl showed Remy how to use the telescope safely. "Never look at the sun," she said gently. "But at night, we can see craters on the moon and rings around a planet." Remy practiced turning the little knobs. "Can I see the rings?" asked Remy. "Yes," said the owl. "Tonight, if the sky is clear. Come back at dusk."



That evening, Remy returned with the telescope. The owl had set up a cozy spot with blankets. "First, let's find the moon," said the owl. Remy pointed the telescope and gasped. "I see craters! They look like little bowls!" The owl nodded. "Those were made by rocks crashing long ago." Remy had another question. "Did anyone get hurt?" "Not on the moon," said the owl with a chuckle.



They looked at bright stars called the Dippers. "Why are they called that?" asked Remy. The owl pointed with her stick. "Because they look like spoons for dipping," she said. "People long ago named them." Remy traced the shape with a tiny paw. "I see it!" Remy felt warm and happy, full of stars and questions.



Remy said, "I want to share this with everyone!" The owl smiled. "A wonderful idea," she said. "Let's plan a stargazing festival." Remy hopped with excitement. "I'll invite my friends!" The owl gave Remy a list of things to bring: blankets, snacks, and warm scarves. "And questions," said the owl. "Always bring questions."



The next day, Remy met a hedgehog wearing a green pom-pom hat. "Guess what?" said Remy. "We're having a stargazing festival!" The hedgehog's tiny black eyes lit up. "I'll bring berries!" Then Remy found a squirrel in a yellow vest. "Will you help spread invitations?" asked Remy. "Of course!" said the squirrel, and dashed off with a star-clasp satchel full of notes.



At last, festival night arrived. Families gathered in the meadow with warm blankets. Remy and the owl set up the telescope. "Look at the moon!" said the hedgehog, passing around berries. The squirrel pointed to a twinkling star. "Why does it blink?" she asked. The owl smiled. "That's the air moving. Good question!" Everyone took turns looking and asking.



Remy felt a warm glow inside. "I used to think I had too many questions," Remy said to the owl. "But you answered every one." The owl patted Remy's paw. "Questions are the best way to learn," she said. "Good teachers encourage them." Remy looked around at friends sharing blankets and snacks. "This is the best festival ever," Remy said. The stars twinkled above.



The squirrel asked, "Can we do this every month?" Everyone cheered. The hedgehog suggested naming the festival "The Twinkle Night." Remy liked that. "And we can learn something new each time," Remy said. The owl nodded. "I'll bring my pointer stick," she said. Remy hugged the telescope. "I'll bring my questions!"



As the festival ended, Remy felt happy and curious. "Thank you, wise owl," Remy said. "You made learning fun." The owl smiled. "You made it fun by asking," she said. "Never stop wondering." Remy looked up at the stars and made a wish. "I wish for more questions," Remy whispered. The owl chuckled. "That wish will always come true."



Back home, Remy set the telescope by the window. The little rabbit felt warm and proud. "Good teachers encourage questions," Remy said softly. "And asking makes learning fun." Remy snuggled into a blanket, thinking of the moon and the stars. Outside, the sky twinkled. Remy smiled and closed his eyes, ready for more adventures tomorrow.